

21 October 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: SSA/DD/S
ATTENTION :
SUBJECT : Temporary Lodging Allowance

1. The proposal has been made that the Agency provide that employees returning from overseas and temporarily residing with relatives or friends receive some reimbursement under the temporary lodging allowance authority for costs that may be incurred. While both Section 252 of the Standardized Government Regulations (Government-Civilian Foreign Areas) and are silent in this regard, we do not construe this as indicating that the implementation of such a proposal would be legally objectionable. The matter is referred to you as being one requiring an administrative decision having Agency-wide implications.

2. We would suppose that it can be argued that sharing the use of private living accommodations does give rise to costs of the kind which the temporary lodging allowance was intended to cover. We have in mind those additional costs which might be incident to increased use of utilities (gas, heat, light, water) and the outlays for the various expendable household supplies which are normally included in the charges for commercial lodging facilities. Should a proposal of the nature here indicated be administratively approved, we suggest that action be taken to supplement by prescribing the conditions and limitations under which some form of equitable reimbursement will be allowed, when a returnee elects to share private accommodations.

3. We would be happy to discuss this matter with you in more detail at your earliest convenience.

Assistant General Counsel